



Bluffton Police Department

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15-006: SUSPECT ASSAULTS OFFICER DURING DUI INVESTIGATION

Who:

Bluffton Police Department
- Patrol Division

Suspect:

Avery, Corey L
WM, DOB: 11/21/1990
Resides in Bluffton, Beaufort County

Charges:

Driving under the influence
Simple Possession of Marijuana
Resisting Arrest
Possession of Controlled Substance (Xanax)
Malicious Injury to Property

Occurred:

Bluffton Parkway and Masters Way, Bluffton
The incident took place at approximately 1:55 PM on February 17, 2015

Synopsis:

Officers were notified of a male subject operating a Moped in an unsafe manner along Buckwalter Parkway. Information received was that the operator of the Moped was swerving and had fallen off the Moped onto the grass median. An officer located the Moped turning onto the Bluffton Parkway from Buckwalter Parkway and observed the operator, later identified as Corey Avery to be driving erratically and swerving across several lanes of traffic. A traffic stop was initiated at Bluffton Parkway and Masters Way and upon making contact with Avery, the officer suspected him of being impaired.

Officers conducted Standard Field Sobriety Testing and based on their investigation they advised Avery he was under arrest for operating under the influence. Avery resisted officers and attempted to flee on foot however he was apprehended. While attempting to handcuff Avery, he resisted both officers by pulling away and causing officers and himself to fall to the ground. While struggling to gain control of Avery, one officer received an injury to his hand. Avery was brought under control and a search of Avery

revealed he was in possession of marijuana and a bottle of pills later identified as Xanax. Avery was transported to the Bluffton Police Department. At the Police Department, Avery began to get violent and repeatedly banged his head on the holding cell door causing a minor injury to his head. Beaufort County EMS responded and transported Avery to Coastal Carolina for evaluation. Once cleared, officers attempted to get Avery into their patrol car, however Avery again resisted officers who eventually restrained him and began the transport to Beaufort County Detention Center.

While en-route to the detention facility, Avery again became violent in the back of the patrol car and did damage to the patrol car's rear radar antenna and rear deck mounted emergency lights. Damage to the cruiser was listed at approximately \$300.00.

Avery was booked in on the above listed charges.



Avery, Cory